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NEVADA MACHINE GUN RANGE WITHDRAWAL REVOKED

A 25,600-acre former machine gun range in south central Nevada has been abolished, the Department of the Interior announced today. The lands were set aside during World War II and are no longer needed for military training purposes.

About 17,920 acres of the total are in the Desert Game Range northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada. The remaining lands are on the north edge of Las Vegas Valley in Clark County. The lands are unsuitable for agricultural development. They do have value for livestock grazing.

The Department said that the lands have been carefully inspected by the Army and have been cleared of all explosive materials reasonably possible to detect.

The lands will be open to mining and mineral leasing. However, the Department said, certain conditions for the protection of wildlife must be met before game rangelands will be available for oil and gas leasing. About 8,320 acres of the 17,920 within the Desert Game Range were closed to oil and gas leasing by the Secretary of the Interior in 1959.

A complete description of the affected lands will be published in the Federal Register.

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